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SUBJ SUBJ: METEORITES MAY HAVE CAUSED 'MYSTERIOUS CRATERS' NEAR KURSK

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TEXT TEXT:

(((NIKOLAY YEFIMOVICH REPORT: "ATOMIC ANOMALY NEAR KURSK"))  
((TEXT)) KURSK -- TWO MYSTERIOUS CRATERS 7-8 METERS IN DIAMETER  
HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE SIDE OF A RAVINE NEAR THE KURSK NUCLEAR  
POWER STATION. IN THE OPINION OF SPECIALISTS, HOLLOWES OF THIS KIND  
CAN ONLY BE THE RESULT OF A 500-KG BOMB EXPLODING. HOWEVER, NO  
EXPLOSIONS HAVE BEEN HEARD THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THERE ARE NO  
SIGNS OF THE EARTH THAT HAS BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE CRATERS. NOR  
HAVE ANY FRAGMENTS OF METAL AND TRACES OF FIRE BEEN RECORDED.

SPECIALISTS' INITIAL STUDIES FAILED TO PROVIDE THE SOLUTION.  
THE LEVEL OF RADIATION FELL WITHIN NATURAL BACKGROUND LIMITS.  
SAMPLES OF THE SOIL AND WATER IN ONE OF THE CRATERS REVEALED  
NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. NO SEISMOLOGICAL FLUCTUATIONS HAVE  
BEEN RECORDED IN KURSK OBLAST.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS  
STAFF IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPECIALISTS ARE WORKING ON SEVERAL  
IDEAS. THE FIRST AND MAIN ONE BEING THAT A LARGE METEORITE HAS  
FALLEN HERE. SEVERAL DAYS AGO MANY PEOPLE SAW A FIERY BODY IN THE  
HEAVENS. AND PILLARS OF FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF THE MYSTERIOUS  
CRATERS. THE SECOND IDEA IS THAT THIS MAY QUITE WELL HAVE BEEN A

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